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The Philadelphia *Inquirer* says: "Senator CONKLING has delivered more brilliant and showy orations than that with which he opened the Republican campaign in New York on Wednesday night, but none that exceed it in political acuteness."WOULDN'T it be a little better if those Democrats who made haste to deny the correctness of the statements made by Senator CONKLING in his Brooklyn speech would furnish the data for correcting his statements rather than to ask the public to rely upon their *specie* for such correction? Let the data be furnished, and the drying up process be continued, until silence prevails.

THE flagrant persecution inaugurated against Senator INGALLS, of Kansas, eventuated in a thorough investigation of the allegations made against him. This has resulted in his full and perfect exculpation from all the charges made. This is as was expected by his friends and should have been anticipated by his enemies, who must feel deeply chagrined over their dism-

A MASSACHUSETTS voter connected with department service in this city recently wrote ex-Governor BICKER, of that State, asking the following question: "If I pay into 'the treasury of Boston, Mass., my poll 'tax for the years 1878-79, will I be allowed to vote in Boston at the next Presidential election?" To this came the answer: "If you come here next March or April and get assessed and pay that 'tax,' it will be sufficient, and that will also be necessary."

WE give in another part of this paper the report of the special agent of the Post-office Department in the matter of shooting FREDERICK NIX, Jr., postmaster at Blackville, S. C. The facts show the case to be more diabolical than it has been represented by NIX or any one else heretofore. It was an attempt at wanton murder, without the shadow of a provocation. We expect to find the Charleston *News and Courier* immediately denouncing this crime in fitting terms, unless it approves the outrage.FRED, HASSAUER, editor of the Cincinnati *Valkyrie*, having a political score to settle, like Secretary SCHUEZ is an anti-GRANT man, but on being interviewed recently on the subject of the German vote, is forced by the truth to admit that a majority of the Germans in this country are Republicans and will support GRANT as the party candidate. It is to be hoped that these disaffected gentlemen will hunt up some healing salve for their sorrows before the campaign of 1880 fairly opens. It will greatly tend to their comfort.

Now the contemptible little squirt-guns of the Democracy are firing away at Senator CONKLING. His opening campaign speech in Brooklyn—exactly the kind of a speech that was expected from him—has so enraged these squinting squirts that they resort to the publication of all kinds of slanders, some stale, some improbable and others fully refuted, to destroy his influence with the people. If his speech had been of the namely-pamphlet kind, weak in its arguments and lacking strength in its arraignment of the Democracy, their enmity would not have been aroused and he would have escaped this renewal of the Opposition assault upon him.

ALL well-informed Democrats concede EWING's defeat as Governor, but still cling to the hope of carrying the legislature. The Cincinnati *Gazette* furnishes some data which renders such a hope vain. According to its figures the Republicans will have a majority of two in the Senate, and perhaps more. The House is classified at this stage of the canvas with constant Republican gains throughout the State that will aid in swaying our majority—thus Republicans sixty-one; Democrats fifty-three—a Republican majority of eight. If the Republicans stand by their integrity and refuse all interchange of votes, the result will be better, even than here represented.

We are assured by the managers of the Leaven Home that after a careful examination into the geographical location of the inmates prior to their entrance to the Home they find that nineteen of the number, which in the aggregate does not exceed forty, are from States and localities lying north of the Potomac; and as for diamonds, they are an unknown quantity, beyond, perhaps, an occasional souvenir that some of the old ladies may have had in their early and more affluent lives, and to which they cling with affectionate regard as mementos. We make this statement with satisfaction for the reason that we have allowed a correspondent to criticize the institution and its inmates somewhat freely, and according to this statement, somewhat unjustly.

THE efforts of the Opposition press to raise an unfraternal snarl over the *ex parte* allegations of Consul MOSBY regarding the condition of affairs out in China are strictly characteristic of the Democracy; but they will prove to be unavailing. The trouble with the Seward investigation, as called, in the last Congress was that only one side was permitted to be heard, and this is the case now with the MOSBY report. They

are taken up as gospel truths and expatiated upon as eternal verities, regardless of the fact that the man who makes them was a few short months ago the subject of derision and scorn by the very journals who now quote him as an honest and straightforward patriot. In due course of time, however, and long before Congress will be ready to act in the premises, the Department of State will be in readiness to furnish complete and official information regarding all these matters. This done, the warped and biased counsels of the Opposition will be set at nought, and the offenders in the Government service in China, if any there be, will be brought to punishment.

## ABOUT THE EXODUS.

The idea that the blacks of the South should remain at their native homes instead of seeking new ones, and either submit to the political bondage of bogus Home Rule or organize to resist that oppression, is a very good one—in theory. But the question is, would four or five millions of whites put this theory into practice under the existing circumstances? This theory is based upon the assumption that they are able to "fight the devil with fire," so to speak; that they can and should out-Ku Klux the Ku Klux, and that they should resent violence with violence. But those who entertain these ideas forget that ever since the war these people have been instructed—carefully and religiously instructed—to rely on the courts of justice for legal vindication of their rights, and for redress of personal and political injuries. This lesson was assiduously taught by the Freedmen's Bureau so long as it remained in existence, as well as by the Republican press and speakers, North and South; and it was a lesson readily learned by the blacks, who, as a mass, are better qualified through the influences of years and generations of service to submit to the requirements or dictates of legally asserted authority than their domineering white neighbors are, ever were, or ever will be. In short, the blacks of the South are essentially and unqualifiedly a law-abiding race, and a submissive, patient and enduring race—one that will naturally seek a peaceful solution of their race troubles rather than assume the risk of meeting aggression with a return in kind. This solution, which enables them to avoid danger and evade the responsibility of fighting for their rights as citizens, now presents itself in the Exodus; and they will adopt it, as many white men would, and as it is their privilege and right to do.

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